embodiment, actuation of the selection key changes the first subset to a second subset so that each of the input keys is associated with an individual character of the second subset, and an equal number of input keys and selection keys are located upon the first one and second one of the side surfaces, wherein at least one key of the set of input keys acts as a selection key and at least one selection key acts as an input key as a result of switching between dominate hand modes.

Please amend the ABSTRACT as follows:

A keyboard type input device has multiple key positions provided as character entry keys. Each key corresponds to one key in the selected row of the conventional QWERTY keyboard. A second set of control buttons provide for the selection of which row of a conventional QWERTY keyboard are represented by the character keys in addition to other functions such as case shift, and alpha-numerical control functions. A selected row is shown on a display, as visual feedback. Alternatively the keys are implemented as LCDs with pressure sensors and the characters of the selected row are displayed directly on the corresponding key positions. The keyboard finds particular use in portable devices as it demands less space than traditional keyboards. The keyboard type input device is implemented with various electronic appliances, including portable phones.

Deleted: One embodiment utilizes the keyboard as a wrist watch I/O device.